

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

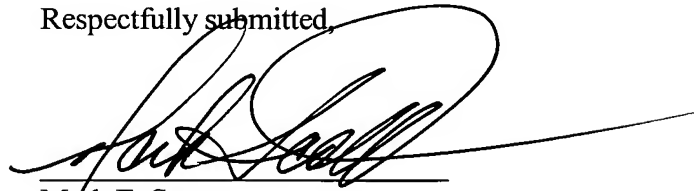
With this Second Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amend the specification paragraph [0033] to remove that reference to co-pending application Serial No. 10/025,028. No new matter is presented by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims and a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the resolution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account Number 03-2769.

Respectfully submitted,



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